178 The shawls were of different qualities with prices varying from Rs. 40 to Rs. 500. In France the price fetched by a good shawl was handsome.

288 But unfortunately for Basohli, France took into her head to manufacture her own shawls and not only succeeded in meeting its own demand locally but even took to exporting shawls to India. This had a disastrous effect on the industry which could not stand the competition of machine-made shawls. The patronage of the Raja could not avert the catastrophe and the workers dissatisfied with their lot emigrated to places like Amritsar, Sujanpur, Nurpur, Pathankot etc., in the hope of better prospects. The net result was that the industry became extinct and the once prosperous town has been converted into a deserted place.

245. Manufacture of Woolen Blankets, Pattis and Shoes in Ramnagar.—Woolen blankets and Pattis were manufactured in Ramnagar tehsil and were exported to outside places. The Military Department of the State had its requirements met from this tehsil but due to the inroads of machine-made blankets and Pattis with a superior finish and a cheaper price this industry began to decay. The Military Department transferred its custom to cheaper markets which completed the process.

As regards shoe-making, a special variety of shoes was made in the tehsil and found favour with His late Highness whose sad demise led to the cessation of demand and decline of industry.

246. Lungi and Salwar weaving in Muzaffarabad Tehsil.—Lungis (Turbans) and Salwars (female trousers) are manufactured in Muzaffarabad tehsil from raw material imported from outside. But the competition of machine made goods is gradually usurping the market and this industry is showing signs of decay.

289 **247. Paper Manufacture in Udhampur and Srinagar Tehsils.**—In Udhampur tehsil the manufacture of paper was started before 1921 but met an untimely death due to foreign competition.

In Srinagar hand made paper is suffering from similar causes. The mills produce substitutes at about half the price of Kashmir hand made paper. The right sort of raw material is also not available. Such paper as bond paper and other superior paper can be made of rags of good quality which are not available in Srinagar. The resulting paper is very poor and cannot stand competition in quality or price.

288 **248. Calico Printing in Samba.**—This industry is reported to be decaying. There is a community called 'Chhimbas' who follow this profession and who are the cause of the celebrity of the town. Lack of knowledge of the use of aniline dyes and of varied designs is rendering their calling extinct. But His Highness' Government is trying to re-start the industry and thus save it from extinction.